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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

### News from the MTW Board:

- MTW is now set up on Facebook. Go to our page and click on "like". This will keep you updated with news, audition notices, when tickets will go on sale, our annual meetings and much more. We are trying to make it easier to keep everyone informed on what is happening with MTW.

### In our next issue:

- Updates on our shows
- Short Shakespeareans
- Summer BBQ Meeting
- 50th Anniversary Gala

And more ...

Music Theatre of Wenatchee needs your membership to continue producing quality plays and musicals. Becoming a member of MTW is a great way to show your support.

### Membership Benefits:

- Our quarterly newsletter
- Early notice of ticket sales
- Ticket discounts for "Member Nights"
- Invitation to semi-annual meetings
- Members at the Associate Producer level or above are listed in each show program.

### There are Six levels of sponsorship:

- \$25.00 — Sponsor - (no program listing)
- \$50.00 — Patron - (no program listing)
- \$100.00 — Associate Producer
- \$250.00 — Producer
- \$500.00 — Executive Producer
- \$1,000.00 — Benefactor

Contact us online for the membership form and mail your check or money order to P.O. Box 3042, Wenatchee, WA, 98807. Your membership is very important to us.

### MTW's 50TH APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL MUSICAL

## The **DROWSY** Chaperone

Directed by Daina Toews

**Tickets are on Sale Now!!**



Jennifer Lalani  
 as Janet Van de Graaf

MTW is happy to present their 50th Apple Blossom Musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, which is a musical within a comedy. The cast and crew is diligently rehearsing and getting ready to put on the show. Everyone is anxious to have you experience this hilarious, side-splitting, funny musical. The infectious songs and wonderful story will make this musical a favorite for many years to come.

To chase his blues away, a modern day musical theatre addict known simply as 'Man in Chair', an

agoraphobic Broadway fanatic, drops the needle on his favorite record, yes record, — the 1928 musical comedy *The Drowsy Chaperone*. From the crackle of his hi-fi, the uproariously funny musical magically bursts to life in his apartment. Telling the tale of a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married, her producer who sets out to sabotage the nuptials, her "drowsy" chaperone, the debonair groom, the dizzy chorine, the Latin lover and a pair of gangsters who double as pastry chefs. Man in Chair's infectious love of *The Drowsy Chaperone* speaks to anyone who has ever been transported by the theatre. The musical is an homage to American musicals of the Jazz Age, examining the effect musicals have on the fans who adore them.

The show is full of great comedy and will keep you laughing the whole time. You will hum the songs on the way home, and keep that smile on

your face for hours.

Tickets are on sale now!! You can purchase the tickets at the Performing Arts Center box office. You can go in person Monday through Friday between 12:00 noon and 5:30pm. You can call 663-ARTS (2787) or go on-line at [pacwen.org](http://pacwen.org). Get your tickets now to get the seating! Performances are April 28-



30, May 5-7, 12-14, & 19-21 at 7:30 pm. There will be two matinees on May 8th and 15th at 2:00 pm. All the performances are at the Riverside Playhouse. This is a comedy you will not want to miss! The humor and music will make you want to see it more than once!

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### MTW News:

- The Drowsy Chaperone has been graciously supported in part by Local-Tel Communications, Telford's Chapel of the Valley, Rodda Paint and Cashmere Valley Bank. We are extremely grateful for their support. Remember to visit these businesses to show your support!
- Please remember that we are still collecting e-mail addresses from anyone who wants to receive notices of what is happening with MTW. Please send your e-mail address to [info@mtow.org](mailto:info@mtow.org). You will be added to our list and then will always be in the know when you are on our information highway!

# Who Will Remember William Weston

Written by Brady Dundas  
Directed by Nicole Villacres



help her father. They begin an odd but successful relationship. The stories they write come to life right in front of them.

The men uncover the daughters ruse of having Marcus keep William occupied. The conflict forces Marcus to leave only to return many months later to help William write his life story.

The auditions were held last month and a great group of actors were cast and are already rehearsing this new play by one of our actors and local playwright, Brady Dundas.

The play is about a famous aging writer, William Weston, who's mind is slowly degenerating. His daughter brings in another writer, Marcus, to

2010. We are excited to showcase another play from a budding playwright.

Tickets will go on sale in May. Keep checking our website for more information on the show and the date when tickets will go on sale. Please support our local playwright and plan to attend.

MTW is committed to supporting our younger generation of actors, singers, dancers, costumers, lighting and set designers, writers, and directors to continue our legacy.



Playwright  
Brady Dundas

This is a wonderful tale about living, and relationships with our family and friends. You will not want to miss it.

The performances will be June 16-18, and 23-25, 7:30pm at the Riverside Playhouse. Music Theatre of Wenatchee produced his last play, *The Woes of Being a Wallace*, in June of

## A Sound System Upgrade

An anonymous donor gives MTW a very special gift

In February of this year, Music Theatre of Wenatchee was able to upgrade their sound system. An anonymous donor stepped forward and gave MTW a substantial amount of money so they could purchase new sound equipment. This benefactor felt that they needed to step up and help the organization.

MTW depends on our patrons to be able to continue producing quality plays and musicals. This is our 50<sup>th</sup> year of doing an Apple Blossom Festival musical. MTW depends on ticket sales, membership fees and donations to keep the shows coming. We are here because of you. Without an audience, we wouldn't exist. To have

someone give such a generous gift is very humbling. We are always trying to keep up with the best equipment to continue to present the quality shows we are known for.

We are extremely grateful to have such generous supporters of our theatre. When you come to see our latest Apple Blossom musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone", you will be able to hear the performers so much better.

New speakers were installed in the ceiling in front of the seating sections, new wireless microphones were purchased so each actor will have one, and a new sound mixer to handle all the new equipment.

Our goal is to have all our patrons enjoy a great night of live theatre. Our volunteers work a lot of hours to showcase our facility, musicians and performers. We would like to thank our donor for their generous gift. We are truly appreciative.

Please come to The Riverside Playhouse to enjoy a great night of theatre and our latest technology!

~~ Coming in August ~~

Short Shakespeareans present:

### The Tempest



Founded and directed by:  
Sherry Chastain Schreck



MTW's 50th Anniversary  
Gala show coming September 30th  
Wenatchee High School Auditorium

The plans for the show are in the works. The auditions will be late this summer. We will be using the "Follies" as a template for rehearsing the show. A lot of work will be done on your own and then meeting about once a week with a pianist.

If you want a chance to be in the show, please contact director, Colleen Bowen, at 264-0541 or at wackodot@gmail.com. The show will need many performers. You need to have been involved with a previous MTW show. We will keep the website updated as more information comes in.

This gala will showcase many local performers. The history of MTW will come to life on Friday, September 30th at 7:30pm at the Wenatchee High School Auditorium. Mark your calendar now and plan to see this fabulous show.

## LEHMAN JOHNSON AWARD

MTW is celebrated for 50 years  
of serving the community

At the Apple Blossom Festival Queen selection night, Music Theatre of Wenatchee was honored with the prestigious Lehman Johnson award. This award was a nice surprise to the group. Keith Sexson, one of the charter members, was given the plaque. It is a great honor for the community to recognize the hard work that the MTW volunteers do to create quality shows. We have been producing plays and musicals for 50 years. Quite an accomplishment for an all volunteer group.

About 13 years ago, MTW was able to start building the Riverside Playhouse. Our first production in the fall of 1997 in the new facility was "Dracula".

MTW has always wanted to have a facility where they could rehearse, build sets and have more than 1 bathroom. With the Playhouse, the dreams came true. A big thank you to the Festival for this great honor.

*Riverside Playhouse*

## ~ M.T.W Announces their upcoming shows ~

### Wait Until Dark

Coming This Fall  
Directed by John Ryan



**THE STORY:** A sinister con man, Roat, and two ex-convicts, Mike and Carlino, are about to meet their match. They have traced the location of a mysterious doll, which they are much interested in, to the Greenwich Village apartment of Sam Hendrix and his blind wife, Susy. Sam had apparently been persuaded by a strange woman to transport the doll across the Canadian border, not knowing that sewn inside were several grams of heroin. When the woman is murdered the situation becomes more urgent. The con man and his ex-convicts, through a cleverly constructed deception, convince Susy that the police have implicated Sam in the woman's murder, and the doll, which she believes is the key to his innocence, is evidence. She refuses to reveal its location, and with the help of a young neighbor, figures out she is the victim of a bizarre charade. But when Roat kills his associates, a deadly game of cat and mouse ensues between the two. Susy knows the only way to play fair is by her rules, so when darkness falls she turns off all the lights leaving both of them to maneuver in the dark until the game ends.

MTW's 2012 Apple Blossom Musical

## XANADU

DIRECTED BY PAUL ATWOOD

Xanadu follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, California in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny, to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time – the first ROLLER DISCO-hey, it's 1980! But, when Kira falls into forbidden love with the mortal Sonny, her jealous sisters take advantage of the situation and chaos abounds.

The hilarious, roller skating, musical adventure about following your dreams despite the limitations others set for you, rolls along to the original hit score composed of pop-rock legends Jeff Lynne and John Farrar., and includes, "Magic", "All Over the World", "Suddenly", "I'm Alive", "Evil Woman", "Have You Never Been Mellow" and "Xanadu", to name a few, and is based on the cult classic movie of the same title, which starred Olivia Newton-John and Gene Kelly.

